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Ellen ties knot at private service

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Olympic celebration

Golden boys of summer

Members of the Canadian rowing team throw cox Brian Price into the water after winning the men's eight at the Beijing Olympics yesterday. The victory earned Canada its second gold medal at the Games. **More Olympics, p. 12, 13**

McGuinty assures PanAm bid on track

Anyone who looks around the site of the 2008 Summer Olympics can see what Toronto was up against when it tried to outbid China for the games. Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty doesn't see the same issues when he examines Toronto's competition for the 2015 Pan American Games.

"I like the way our bid is shaping up," McGuinty said in an exclusive interview with the Toronto Star. "I guess the first thing that reassured me is that nobody has said, 'This is a mistake.'"

McGuinty made a whirlwind, 48-hour appearance in Beijing to show Toronto's flag and head off any whispers from rival cities about a lack of government support for the bid.

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He met with some 20 national Olympic committee members at a buffet lunch on Thursday where he boasted about the city's diversity, and he also met with the powerful head of the Pan American Sports Organization and with Vancouver 2010 representatives.

McGuinty told the Toronto Star he spoke with several people about Toronto's bid for the 2008 Summer Olympics. They told him the Canadian bid was "technically a tour de force but that it was China's turn."

"I'm not getting any of that here," he said.

Toronto is bidding for the 2015 games against Lima, Peru, Bogota, Colombia and Caracas, Venezuela.

"I think it's time to go north again," Jeffers Glenville secretary-general of the St. Kitt's and Nevis Olympic Committee, said when asked about a Toronto bid.

McGuinty agreed that governments, including his, haven't made a decided effort to help amateur sport.

"I think that's very accurate," he said. "I'm told that 16 per cent of the athletes in Beijing are from Ontario, but we make up 40 per cent of Canada's population. That, in a word, is not acceptable. We have a responsibility to do better."

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Tories lag in health, climate, poll finds

The federal government is underperforming on two of Canadians' top three priorities, according to internal government polling that could have implications in any fall election campaign.

The Conservative government is underwhelming the country on its management of health care and its attempt to fight climate change, according to a survey conducted this summer by the Privy Council Office, the senior advisory team to Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

But the Tories score better for their handling of the economy, and the government hopes to use this against Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion in an election.

economy

• While almost half of respondents thought the national economy was performing well at the moment, 35 per cent think it's going to deteriorate in the next year or so.

Anticipation of a fall campaign has spiked in recent days after Harper said he would have to decide "in the next little while" whether Parliament's work can continue or if it should be cut short with an election call.

The poll of 4,000 Canadians conducted in mid-June and released last week showed that the economy and health care, followed closely by the environment, were the country's primary concerns.

Forty-eight per cent of respondents said the Tories had done a poor job "fixing climate change" and only 35 per cent said they'd done well on the health care file.

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Gambling addicts suing Loto-Quebec

LEGAL Quebec's gaming commission faces a potentially crippling payout as gambling addicts try to hold it responsible for downplaying the dangers of video lottery terminals. A class-action lawsuit brought by a group of pathological gamblers is seeking compensation from Loto-Quebec for their addiction treatments. With the plaintiffs claiming around 119,000 gamblers can trace their addictions to VLTs, a judgment could cost Loto-Quebec upwards of $500 million, excluding exemplary damages. None of the lawsuit's claims has yet been proven. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Police plane follows speeding motorcyclist

Ontario Provincial Police used a plane to track down a speeding motorcyclist yesterday afternoon, apprehending him at a Tillsonburg gas station, almost 100 km from where he sped away from police on Highway 401 near Elgin Road. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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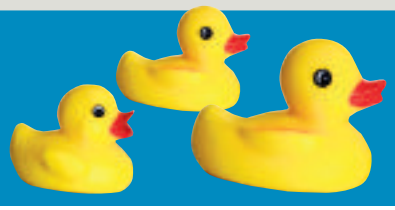

Duck regatta for charity

Ten thousand rubber ducks were dumped at the waterway at Ontario Place for the Toronto East General Hospital Foundation's Duck Regatta yesterday. Prizes were awarded for the first three ducks that crossed the line, with the first place winner receiving a new Pontiac Wave car. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Neighbours remember Katelynn at memorial

Bernice Sampson followed the path of the seven white doves with her eyes as they quickly flew west and disappeared over the rooftops. A rare smile spread over her face.

The seven birds, to honour the seven years of Katelynn Sampson's short life, flew above the 30 or 40 large cards displaying messages to the little girl, hung on a wire fence above the scores of lit candles and teddy bears.

"It was just beautiful."
Bernice Sampson at memorial service for daughter Katelynn

"It was just beautiful," Katelynn's mother said.

It was a brief joyful moment for a community struggling with questions about how something so terrible could happen to a young child many knew as an "angel."

Katelynn's battered body was found on Aug. 3 in the second-floor apartment she shared with her foster parents, Donna Irving and Warren Johnson. A judge had granted them custody last year as her mother, Bernice, battled a drug addiction. Irving, 29, and Johnson, 46, have been charged with second-degree murder.

About 200 well-wishers, some wearing pink T-shirts reading "Katelynn," gathered at a memorial for the girl in the playground next to Parkdale Community Centre. Many mourners were residents of the apartment towers where the girl spent her last days, or lived close by.

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Blast suit lawyers meet with affected residents

LAWSUIT The Toronto propane blast's impact on property values and long-term mental and physical health topped the list of concerns brought by anxious residents to an information session yesterday held by lawyers leading a class action suit.

The estimated $300 million suit against Sunrise Propane Industrial Gases and the City of Toronto is one of five or six being launched in the wake of the blast on Murray Road.

Harvin Pitch of the Toronto law firm Stevensons LLP told some 300 people gathered in the Days Hotel conference room that the legal firms have agreed to work together to bring the defendants to the table.

The lawyers told residents they are in the process of recruiting experts on property values, propane gas and health issues as well as experts who can conduct air tests.

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Jeep pulled out of lake

ACCIDENT Police from Toronto's west end pulled a Jeep out of Lake Ontario after a woman accidentally drove into the water while launching a boat at Marie Curtis Park on Saturday.

The incident occurred just before 7 p.m., when police were called to the area near Brown's Line to find a Jeep about 70 per cent submerged in the water, said Staff Sgt. Jim Walker of 22 Division.

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Beach volleyball **U.S. triumph**

SAUL PORTO/TOP NEWS

Kathryn Babcock from the U.S., red top, spikes against Canadian Dana Cook during the women's final beach volleyball match at the 2008 Canadian So Pro Invitational at Ashbridges Bay park yesterday. The Americans won the tournament.

Victim stabbed 3 times

CRIME Farhan Omar was no angel, family members say. But they say he didn't deserve to die, knifed three times in the back, in what they call a "moment of madness" among friends.

The 22-year-old Mississauga man died early Saturday at a Toronto hospital after he was stabbed in a children's playground beside his Cooksville apartment after an argument with a friend.

Relatives say he had gone inside to change his bloody clothes to return to the fray when he collapsed in the ground floor unit on Rathburn Road West at Creditview Road at the dinner hour on Friday.

Doctors at Credit Valley Hospital in Mississauga and Sunnybrook hospital in Toronto were unable to stop the bleeding.

Tristan Landriault, 20, of Brampton is charged with second-degree murder.

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Students win diversity award

EDUCATION Grade 4 pupils at Brampton's year-round Roberta Bondar Public School have won an award presented by the Canadian Centre for Diversity that recognizes efforts by students to build understanding and respect for others.

After inspiring visits to places of worship in Peel Region, the students composed music to share their experience and insight. They also talked about all the "isms" involved.

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Police find drowning victim
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Teens dig summer course

Staring intently at the ancient dirt-covered relics on the table before her, Cathy Crinnion spots one that catches her eye and picks it out for closer examination.

"It's been buried in the ground for about 150 years," she says reflectively as she turns the tiny black knob over and over in her hand. "This is the first time anyone's unearthed it."

An instructor from the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority at the Boyd Archaeological Field School, Crinnion stands in a small clearing in a Claremont forest, surrounded by a team of dirty and tired teenaged excavators.

For the past three weeks, she has been teaching the group the tricks of archaeological exploration — from digging to identifying and interpreting artifacts.

"I love to find stuff. This is an awesome course." Tanya-Lynne Sabourin

In the meantime they seem content to unearth the remains of this farmhouse north of Pickering, dubbed the Graham House after the family of two adults and 16 children that lived here in 1877.

Digging at the site for the first time this year, the 21 teens from the field school have uncovered more than a thousand artifacts so far, from the remains of an abandoned well, to countless spoons and nails and cabinet handles — like the one Crinnion is holding. These will add to the approximately 1.2 million artifacts the annual course has uncovered in the past 32 years, many of which are but shards of a bigger picture.

And while the students don't get to keep the treasures they find, they do get a high school credit for their efforts — a good thing since the live-in course costs $1,200 for Ontario students, and about $1,500 for those from outside the province.

But it's worth it for the chance to dig out the historical site, says wannabe archaeologist, Tanya-Lynne Sabourin, 17, from Ottawa.

"I love to find stuff," she says. "This is an awesome course."

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News in brief

CRASH Toronto Police are searching for two witnesses after an early morning crash yesterday. One person was taken to hospital with minor injuries when a Toyota Corolla heading east on McNicoll Avenue and another Corolla heading south on Birchmount Road collided in the intersection. According to police, two women stopped at the scene to assist both drivers but left before investigators could get there. TORSTAR NEWS SERV-

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Ice-free conditions in Canada's unpredictable Arctic waters has led to an increasing number of boat traffic, prompting the military to conduct disaster exercises. About 190 people, two warships and two surveillance planes will be deployed. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada

New carbon offset pilots

Ontario farmers are being recruited for three new pilot projects as the province begins carbon offset testing before the launch of a cap-and-trade system. Farming programs for smarter fertilizer usage, low-till farming methods and tree planting will test the feasibility of reducing greenhouse gases in exchange for buying carbon credits. THE CANADIAN PRESS

PM calls byelection

Retirement sets stage for September Toronto showdown

The battle for political supremacy in Don Valley West was launched yesterday with Prime Minister Stephen Harper announcing a byelection will be held Sept. 22 in the Toronto riding.

"With hard work, this is our opportunity to break through. We are under no misconceptions because this has been a Liberal riding for 15 years," said Conservative candidate John Carmichael, a 56-year-old auto-industry businessman, who ran unsuccessfully in 2006.

The by-election is the result of the retirement of long-serving Liberal John Godfrey, who signalled his intention to resign some time ago but didn't make it official until Aug. 1.

It is the fourth federal byelection called for next month. Voters in Guelph and the Quebec ridings Saint-Lambert and Westmount-Ville Marie go to the polls Sept. 8.

The Liberals took Westmount and Guelph as well as Don Valley West in the 2006 election, while the Bloc Québécois took Saint-Lambert.

Liberal candidate Rob Oliphant, 52, is a minister at Eglinton-St. George's United Church and a former accountant. "I would call (Don Valley West) a good Liberal riding. I wouldn't call it a safe Liberal riding," Oliphant said.

The New Democratic Party candidate is David Sparrow, a 46-year-old actor, writer and producer.

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RCMP e-mails reveal Taser chaos

VANCOUVER E-mail documents released to The Canadian Press showed Public Safety Minister Stockwell Day's office, RCMP brass and its media relations division worried about being "crucified" over Taser use and the death of Robert Dziekanski at Vancouver's airport.

Correspondence discussed the public's perception about the death, public complaints and how to handle the possible "international incident" with the media.

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Immigration

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Montreal **Gay pride parade**

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Some of the many colourful participants gather ahead of the annual gay pride parade in Montreal yesterday.

More attacks if Canadians don't leave: Taliban

KANDAHAR Canadians must convince their government to pull out of Afghanistan or face more attacks like the one that killed two Canadian aid workers last Wednesday outside Kabul, the Taliban have said in an "open letter" addressed to "the Canadian people."

Shirley Case and Jacqueline Kirk of the New York-based International Rescue Committee were shot to death in a Taliban ambush along with an American woman and their Afghan driver.

The Taliban said they don't want to kill Canadians, but they have no choice as long as Canada follows an "American" agenda.

"Occupied Afghanistan looks at all actors that are established in the interest of America with an eye of hostility," said the letter.

"You have to convince your government to put an end to the occupation of Afghanistan so that the Afghans are not killed with your hands and so that you are not killed with the hands of the Afghans."

They also blame Canada for injuring and killing many Afghans and suggest last week's attack was revenge for the accidental shooting deaths of two children. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Forestry waste to become biofuel

TORONTO Ontario announced a plan to turn forestry waste such as tree tops, branches and unmarketable trees — currently left on the forest floor or burned — into biofuel.

The five-year biofibre policy will create jobs and use what was before simply waste, as well as wean industry off fossil fuels.

Environmentalists criticized the plan, saying they fear the plan will simply end up sacrificing trees to fix Ontario's economic woes. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

OTTAWA The Canadian Food Inspection Agency and Maple Leaf Consumer Foods are warning Canadians about meat-borne Listeria bacteria contamination in one-kilogram packages of Sure Slice brand Roast Beef and Corned Beef, sold nationally.

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Israel approves release of 200 Palestinians

Israel will free about 200 Palestinian prisoners as a goodwill gesture to the Palestinian government. Prime Minister Ehud Olmert's Cabinet overwhelmingly passed the proposal at a meeting yesterday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Pro-abortion VP for McCain?

Former Pennsylvania governor Tom Ridge said yesterday he thinks Republicans would accept a vice-presidential candidate who supports abortion rights. But, he said, whomever John McCain picks as a running mate should defer to McCain on the issue. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

AFGHANISTAN The Afghan government ordered 7,000 police officers onto the streets of Kabul to guard against attacks on senior leaders during Independence Day celebrations today.

VATICAN Pope Benedict yesterday decried the rise of racism in some countries, though he did not specify which ones and urged Christians to help combat intolerance toward foreigners. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Russia to pull out

Russia's president promised to start withdrawing forces today from positions in Georgia, but suggested they could stay in the breakaway region at the heart of the fighting that has reignited Cold War tensions.

Top American officials said Washington would rethink its relationship with Moscow after its military drive deep into its much smaller neighbour and called for a swift Russian withdrawal.

Bolstered by Western support, Georgia's leader vowed never to abandon its claim to territory now firmly in the hands of Russia and its separatist allies, even though he has few means of asserting control. His pledge, echoed by Western insistence Georgia must not be broken apart, portends further tension over separatist South Ossetia and Abkhazia.

In Gori, a strategic central city in the small former Soviet republic, there were signs of a looser Russian grip — and scenes of desperation as Georgians crowded around aid vehicles and grasped for loaves of bread. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Georgia's President Mikhail Saakashvili speaks to the media at a joint news conference with German Chancellor Angela Merkel after their meeting in the Georgian capital Tbilisi, yesterday.

Musharraf impeachment draws closer

PAKISTAN Pakistan's ruling coalition took another step yesterday toward impeaching President Pervez Musharraf, honing the unidentified charges to be launched against the former army chief if he refuses to resign.

Musharraf is holding out against enormous pressure to quit from foes who swept February elections and relegated the stalwart U.S. ally to the political sidelines.

They include Nawaz Sharif, whose government was ousted in Musharraf's 1999 coup.

Sharif is calling for the ex-general to be tried for treason — a charge that can be punished with the death penalty. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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People urged to leave Florida ahead of tropical storm
Florida Keys officials closed schools, opened shelters and urged visitors to leave as tropical storm Fay threatened to strengthen into a hurricane yesterday, but residents and tourists seemed in no hurry to evacuate. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Candidates reach out to Christians

POLITICS U.S. presidential contenders Barack Obama and John McCain, trying to woo conservative Christians during a religious forum Saturday, differed on abortion, with McCain saying a baby's human rights begin "at conception," while Obama restated his support for legalized abortion.

The candidates, appearing on the same stage for the first time in months, though they overlapped only briefly, shared their views on a range of moral, foreign and domestic issues during the event at Saddleback Church in California.

The forum, during which Saddleback's influential pastor Rick Warren asked each candidate questions for an hour and the two candidates briefly shook hands and hugged each other during the switch, was an opportunity for each to court an influential voting bloc in this November's presidential election.

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Iraq **Refugees return from Egypt**

KHALID MOHAMMED/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

An Iraqi woman leads children down the steps of the Iraqi prime minister's plane at the airport in Baghdad yesterday. Several hundred refugees who had been living in Egypt because of violence in Iraq returned home free of charge.

Bibles confiscated by Chinese

CHINA Chinese customs officials confiscated more than 300 Bibles yesterday from four American Christians who arrived in the southwestern city of Kunming with plans to distribute them, the group's leader said.

Vision Beyond Borders, a group based in Sheridan, Wyo., distributes Bibles and Christian teaching materials around the world to "strengthen the persecuted church," according to its website.

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News in brief

IRAN Iran has test launched a rocket it plans to use to carry a research satellite into orbit. Saturday's nighttime test of the two-stage rocket, called the Ambassador of Peace, was successful, state TV said.

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Gold prices tumble
Gold prices — which touched $1,000 US an ounce for the first time in March — have plunged in recent weeks and on Friday tumbled below $800 for the first time since late last year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Business

Electric bikes take off

More than 10,000 electric bikes were sold in France last year, up from 6,000 in 2006, according to the Conseil national des professions du cycle, an association of bike professionals.
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Airlines seek fuel alternatives

INDUSTRY With the price of oil still above $100 US a barrel, everything from wood chips to chicken fat is being scrutinized as an alternative to traditional fuel. But when it comes to planes, finding the right mix that won't solidify in an aircraft poses a special challenge.

The industry is aggressively pushing for homegrown alternatives to petroleum-based jet fuel, while leaning on customers to help control a projected $61 billion US industry-wide fuel expense this year. The best bet right now for non-conventional fuel comes from South Africa, experts said.

The country has powered its airline industry for a decade using a coal-based jet fuel blend developed by petrochemicals group Sasol.

It's technically a "synthetic" fuel, which means it can be used without altering engines or other aircraft equipment.

A number of U.S. companies are developing a variety of similar synthetics.
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Business in brief

RETAIL Mrs. Fields Famous Brands LLC said Friday it plans to file for Chapter 11 protection. The cookie company is reorganizing and working out a pre-packaged plan with its creditors.
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RAIL Canadian National Railway is asking the U.S. Surface Transportation Board to make a partial ruling on the main points of the its proposed purchase of a Chicago-area railway line from U.S. Steel Corp. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Indian real estate a hot commodity

Ontario's economic funk is forcing Mohamedfaruk Memon to get creative with his investments and he's not alone.

Memon, 48, is among a growing number of non-resident Indians who are snapping up luxury residential properties in India. They are flipping the homes for profit, using them as vacation residences or treating them as rental properties, fuelling a multibillion dollar "NRI" real-estate boom in India.

The trend has arisen in the wake of legislative changes that have made it easier for so-called NRIs to buy property, but is not without controversy. Critics say this infusion of foreign cash has driven up the cost of housing, pricing some locals out of India's booming real estate market.

Mohamedfaruk Memon

For his part, Memon isn't interested in stirring controversy and just wants to supplement his income.

During a vacation to Maharashtra state two years ago, he travelled to a neighbourhood called "New Bombay" and was astounded by the new developments.

That prompted him to parlay an initial $200,000 investment in a luxury condo into a side business for him and his brother Aiyub. They now own four high-end condos and are renting them out.

Legislative changes in India have streamlined the buying process. Not only has the government revamped the rules for foreign direct investment, it is offering expatriates more advantages.

It introduced a Person of Indian Origin Card in 1999 that gives former Indian citizens, along with eligible spouses and children, more rights and protection. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Wal-Mart slapped with labour deal

RETAIL A Quebec arbitrator imposed a three-year labour contract Friday at a unionized Wal-Mart outlet in western Quebec, marking the first such deal involving the retail giant in North America.

While other Wal-Mart stores have been unionized, Wal-Mart Watch, a group that is critical of the company's labour policies, called it a "landmark" collective agreement.

Wal-Mart Quebec spokesman Yanick Deschenes would not comment on the details of the arbitrator's 43-page decision.

In his decision, arbitrator Alain Corriveau ruled the salary scale proposed by the union was "reasonable, realistic and fair."

The outlet, near Ottawa, has 250 employees.
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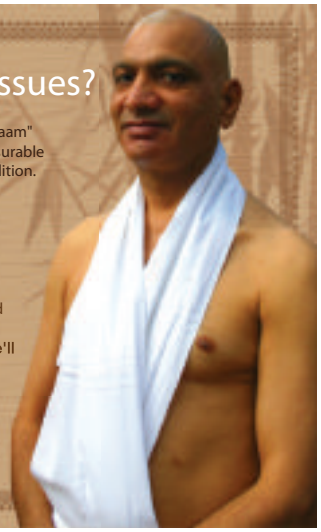

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Sundin talking to Rangers, source claims

Free agent centre Mats Sundin has expressed interest in playing for the New York Rangers, according to a report in the New York Post. The article cites a source as saying the former Maple Leafs captain has been in constant communication with the Rangers this week through his agent J.P. Barry. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sports

Nadal on top of the world

Just when Rafael Nadal, left, ended Roger Federer's long stay atop the men's tennis rankings, Ana Ivanovic moved back to No. 1 on the women's side. When the WTA Tour rankings come out officially today, Ivanovic will be back on top — a place she will hold for at least two weeks. Nadal, who captured the men's singles gold medal yesterday at the Beijing Olympics, will also become No. 1 today — snapping Federer's 4½-year reign atop the rankings. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Jays' offence comes alive

Blue Jays 15 Red Sox 4

Blowout doesn't quite cover it. It was more like a typhoon whipping through Fenway Park. The Jays jumped on the Red Sox early and often yesterday afternoon in a 15-4 demolition.

Yesterday, the Jays brought a 4-1 record into the finale of this road swing. After one inning against Boston ace Josh Beckett, they were already up 6-0.

By the fourth, Beckett was a distant memory, having absorbed eight earned runs in his worst outing of the year. The offensive heroes were already too numerous to mention. By the end, Toronto set several season highs on offence and notched one new club record for doubles (10).

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Toronto Blue Jays outfielder Adam Lind watches his home run against the Boston Red Sox during the third inning of yesterday's game at Fenway Park in Boston. The Jays crushed Boston 15-4.

The Red Sox got one back to start the fourth, a solo home run by Kevin Youkilis. The Red Sox fans on hand, who'd seen a ten-run first-inning lead erased only a week ago, cheered like they thought they were back in it. They weren't. With the bases loaded and one out, Jason Varitek grounded into a double play, effectively ending the game.

After four, still trailing by eight runs, the Red Sox waved a white flag. They subbed out Youkilis and Varitek.

But Toronto stuck with its starters.

"You don't know when to stop running, to stop scoring runs (here)," Gaston said.

Those starters continued to rack up tallies. Alex Rios had five hits on the day, including four doubles, tying a club record. Adam Lind contributed three hits, a home run and four RBIs. John McDonald, who continues to thrive in a starter's role, was 3-for-5 with three RBIs. Vernon Wells, Lyle Overbay and Marco Scutaro all had three hits.

Rod Barajas was the only starter without a hit, but still managed to score two runs. The Blue Jays ninth was their only 1-2-3 inning of the game. They scored in seven of the other eight.

After going 5-1 in tough parks in Detroit and Boston, there's reason for optimism. The Jays are now 7 games behind the Red Sox in the wild card race.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Rival Red Bulls blank Toronto FC

SOCCER Mike Magee and Juan Pablo Angel scored goals to lead the New York Red Bulls to a 2-0 win over Toronto FC yesterday.

Goalie Jon Conway made four saves to record his fifth shutout of the season and the 19th of his career as the Red Bulls (7-6-7) won their second straight match.

Magee got his third goal of the season in the 37th minute after he ran down a long pass from Seth Stammler and beat Toronto FC goalie Greg Sutton from about 10 yards out.

Angel then sealed the win with a goal off a breakaway pass from Dane Richards in the 92nd minute. It was Angel's seventh goal of the season and his fifth in five games.

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Del Potro wins fourth straight tournament

Juan Martin del Potro won his fourth straight tournament yesterday, beating Viktor Troicki 6-3, 6-3 to take the Legg Mason Tennis Classic championship. The 19-year-old, ranked No. 19 in the world, has won his last 19 matches since June 25. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hull rules in Ottawa

Katherine Hull took advantage of Yani Tseng's collapse to claim her first LPGA tournament title with a one-stroke win over Se Ri Pak yesterday at the US$2.25 million CN Canadian Open.

Hull had only one bogey to post a 3-under 69 to finish the tournament at 11-under 277 and win the $337,500 top prize at Ottawa Hunt and Golf Club.

The Australian clearly likes to play in Canada. Her best previous finish was second at the 2005 Canadian Open behind Meena Lee — her only other top-3 finish since joining the tour in 2004.

SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Katherine Hull of Australia holds up the CN Canadian Women's Open trophy yesterday.

Tseng started the day with a four-shot lead over Pak and six shots over Hull and defending champion Lorena Ochoa, but the Taiwanese rookie bogeyed four holes on the front nine and double-bogeyed the 11th for a 77 to drop to third place at 9-under. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sports in brief

MLB The New York Mets found help for their struggling bullpen, acquiring durable right-hander Luis Ayala from the Washington Nationals yesterday for a player to be named. A reliable reliever for the first four years of his career, Ayala has dipped to 1-8 with a 5.77 ERA this season. He's appeared in 62 games, which ranks among the major league leaders. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Toronto 15 Boston 4
Baltimore 16 Detroit 8
Chicago White Sox 13 Oakland 1
Cleveland 4 L.A. Angels 3
Minnesota 11 Seattle 8
N.Y. Yankees 15 Kansas City 6
Tampa Bay at Texas

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Chicago Cubs 9 Florida 2
Cincinnati 7 St. Louis 3
N.Y. Mets 4 Pittsburgh 0
San Francisco 3 Atlanta 1
Colorado 7 Washington 2
Houston 3 Arizona 0
L.A. Dodgers 7 Milwaukee 5
Philadelphia at San Diego

TODAY'S GAMES

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Boston at Baltimore, 7:05
L.A. Angels at Tampa Bay, 7:10
Detroit at Texas, 8:05
Oakland at Minnesota, 8:10
Seattle at Chicago White Sox, 8:11

NATIONAL LEAGUE

N.Y. Mets at Pittsburgh, 12:35
San Francisco at Atlanta, 4:35
Houston at Milwaukee, 8:05

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EAST DIVISION

	W	L	T	PTS
Montreal	5	3	0	10
TORONTO	**3**	**5**	**0**	**6**
Hamilton	2	6	0	4
Winnipeg	2	6	0	4

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	T	PTS
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Edmonton	4	3	0	8
Calgary	4	3	0	8
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WEEK 8

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Field hockey
Ken Pereira scored Canada's lone goal in a 1-1 tie against Britain yesterday at the Beijing Olympics. Canada is now 0-3-1. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Beijing Games

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Oh Canada — what a weekend!

Our athletes haul in seven medals as Beijing Olympics get much more interesting

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RICHARD LAUTENS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Melanie Kok of St. Catherines, Ont., and Tracy Cameron of Shubenacadie, N.S., show off their hardware after rowing to bronze in the women's lightweight double sculls yesterday.

JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada's lightweight men's fours, from left, Liam Parsons of Thunder Bay, Ont., Mike Lewis of Victoria, Jon Beare of Toronto and Iain Brambell of Victoria celebrate their bronze medal rowing win yesterday.

Canada's MLB franchise, I'm told, has been trying to push key players — Vernon Wells, B.J. Ryan and John McDonald — through waivers for the purposes of trading them but, honestly, I don't feel like discussing the Blue Jays today.

No, after spending most of last week dissing Canada's Olympic squad, the only topic worthy of discussion in this York Report is the success our athletes suddenly are enjoying in Beijing.

What a weekend, eh? I guess our Olympians don't stink, after all. With seven medals over the weekend, and presumably more to come from Ontario kayaker Adam van Koeverden and others, the redness in our faces has vanished. We've earned the right to gloat, at least a bit.

We can row, row, row our boats not-so-gently down the stream, and we have four medals to prove it, including gold from the overpowering men's eight crew. We have a 19-year-old swimmer, Ryan Cochrane of Victoria, B.C., who ended our eight-year drought in the pool with a bronze medal. We have women wrestlers — two of them — you don't want to mess with because B.C.'s Carol Huynh owns a gold medal and Ontarian Tonya Verbeek has a bronze.

We also have a professor, B.C.'s Daniel K.N. Johnson, with goathorns because he assured us after his scientific research that Canada would leave Beijing without gold.

And we can breathe sighs of relief because we actually have more hardware than Cameroon, Togo and Tajikistan.

Hallelujah.

And double hallelujah for the Canadian men's eight rowing squad, which won not only gold in Beijing but also redemption for finishing fifth at the 2004 Athens Olympics. The eight thoroughly dominated in Chinese waters with wire-to-wire supremacy.

"I could see early (in the race) we'd win," said coxswain Brian Price of Belleville, Ont. "We pushed hard every stroke. It was the culmination of four years of intense work. We were so determined to make amends for Athens, and we did."

They did, in fact, convincingly.

Not that they ended the raging debate about Olympic funding in Canada. Shawn Saraga, president of www.freemyteam.com., approached Canadian Olympic Foundation chief David Armour about co-ordinating a $10-million fundraising initiative for the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver.

"It is heartbreaking to see other countries financially support their athletes," Saraga said, "while our athletes are primarily self-supported."

On the weekend, however, Canada managed to climb the Olympic ladder respectably. Combined with U.S. swimming sensation Michael Phelps and his unfathomable eight gold medals, the Jamaican sprinters and — cross your fingers — no steroid issues, and — whaddya know? — Beijing is turning out to be quite memorable, after all.

Who needs the Blue Jays?

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Tennis
Elena Dementieva, right, won the gold medal in women's singles yesterday at the Olympics by beating fellow Russian Dinara Safina 3-6, 7-5, 6-3. Venus and Serena Williams of the U.S., won the gold in doubles, beating Anabel Medina Garrigues and Virginia Ruano Pascual of Spain 6-2, 6-0. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports in brief

ATHLETICS Tyler Christopher has been eliminated in the 400 metres at the Beijing Games. The 24-year-old finished fifth in his heat in 45.67, failing to move on to the semifinals. He appeared sluggish from the outset and never managed to pick up the pace. The Chilliwack, B.C., native was considered one of Canada's top medal hopes on the track. He was coming off a gold medal in the world indoor championships in March.

ATHLETICS Priscilla Lopes-Schliep of Whitby, Ont., cruised through to the semifinals of the women's 100-metre hurdles yesterday in Beijing while Angela Whyte of Edmonton, sixth at the 2004 Olympics in Athens, was eliminated from contention.

WRESTLING Montreal's Martine Dugrenier missed out on a bronze medal in 63-kilogram women's freestyle wrestling yesterday with a narrow loss to American Randi Miller. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Medal count

Rank	Nation				Total
#1	U.S.	19	21	25	65
#2	China	35	13	13	61
#3	Russia	7	12	12	31
#4	Australia	8	10	11	29
#5	Britain	11	6	8	25
#6	France	4	9	12	25
#7	South Korea	8	9	5	22
#8	Germany	9	6	6	21
#9	Japan	8	5	7	20
#10	Italy	6	6	6	18
#11	Ukraine	5	3	6	14
#12	Netherlands	2	4	4	10
#13	Belarus	0	3	7	10
#14	Romania	4	1	3	8
#15	Cuba	1	3	4	8
#16	Kazakhstan	1	3	4	8
#17	Canada	2	1	4	7

(Count at the end of Day 9)

Hartley just misses bronze

Diver's mind on late brother

Blythe Hartley has been on the national diving team for a dozen years. That's almost half of her lifetime. And now she's done.

She went out emotional, both happy and tearful, with no medal in the three-metre springboard, but a career-finest result in the individual event that left just about everybody smiling for her.

Thought, afterwards, about her late brother Strachan, who succumbed to non-Hodgkin's lymphoma last summer at age 30 and how proud he would have been, ready with a high-five and a hug.

"He gave great hugs. It felt like he never wanted to let go."

As she was so reluctant to let go of him, almost turning away from the sport in her grief, then finding inspiration in the life her brother had led and the valiant way he struggled to prolong it.

The North Vancouver resident finished fourth yesterday. Bronze looked like a real possibility until China's second-best female diver, Wu Minxia, uncorked a couple of doozies in the final two rounds, high-scoring efforts that pulled her up on to the podium.

Compatriot and defending Olympic champion Guo Jingjing did exactly as expected: A second gold medal at these Games.

Russia's Julia Pakhalina won silver.

Hartley feels she acquitted herself well in her final Olympic effort.

"I really couldn't ask for more. I'm thrilled with how it went. Winning a medal is the ultimate goal. But I knew coming in how strong the field was and how amazing those top three divers are. I just wanted to go out there and achieve my personal goal, which was to do my best, and that's exactly what happened.

"I have no regrets."

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Bottle power

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Carbon calculators help

EMISSIONS How big is your personal carbon footprint? Are you treading on the Earth's climate in ballet slippers or tromping on it with combat boots?

If you don't know, you're not alone. Carbon emissions are being blamed for their supposed role in climate change, but it's hard to get people to think about their activities in terms of the carbon they release.

That's where personal carbon calculators can help, say experts. Calculators help individuals not only discover their carbon output, but can also shift their thinking about energy consumption.

"Understanding that you have a carbon footprint … is an excellent way to start thinking through one's energy use," says Kentucky writer Nancy Grant, author of the Complete Idiot's Guide to Your Carbon Footprint.

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Germany cleans up

ScienceMatters

David Suzuki & Dr. Faisal Moola

Germany has become the world's leading exporter of wind technology and is on its way to phasing out its nuclear reactors.

In 2005, I attended an international conference in Montreal on the Kyoto Protocol. There, I heard a speech by German parliamentarian Hermann Scheer. I knew nothing about him, but as I listened to him talk about how Germany had become the world's leading exporter of wind technology and was on its way to phasing out its nuclear reactors, I was blown away. Here was a politician who articulated the obvious realities about energy: Fossil fuels are finite and will run out, the biggest sources of oil are often in the most politically volatile regions, nuclear energy is also nonrenewable and bequeaths a legacy of radioactive waste for thousands of generations and the sun provides free, clean energy in abundance to all nations.

I have since come to know this canny, fearless politician who has stayed true to his beliefs for four decades and has become so popular he doesn't have to play party politics. The problem of energy, he told me recently in Berlin, is not technological; it is political in the broadest sense. Once the decision is made to exploit a particular form of energy all kinds of expertise and infrastructure are built up.

After the OPEC oil embargo in 1973, Dr. Scheer, who has a doctorate in economics, realized that energy was a major weakness in Germany's industrial future. The country didn't have oil reserves or large rivers for hydroelectric projects and so was generating electricity with nuclear and coal plants. He realized this made Germany vulnerable to the vagaries of geopolitics and that these were not sustainable forms of energy.

Dr. Scheer was able to introduce an innovative plan, a feed-in tariff that commits the country to accept all renewable energy (primarily wind and solar) onto the grid and to guarantee a premium price for that energy for 20 years. That provided a huge incentive for individuals or co-ops to build turbines and install solar panels because banks would not hesitate to provide loans given those conditions.

> **"The problem of energy is not technological; it is political in the broadest sense."**
> German politician Hermann Scheer

As a recent article in the Globe and Mail noted, the feed-in tariff, beyond giving Germany more than 20,000 megawatts of clean energy, has also created new economic opportunities. The renewable-energy sector now "generates about $240-billion in annual revenues and employs a quarter-million Germans. Germany's wind industry created 8,000 jobs in 2007 alone and one recent study suggested the renewable sector could provide more work than the auto industry (currently the nation's biggest employer) by 2020."

Many people have been calling for a switch to renewable energy. Nobel laureate and former U.S. vice-president Al Gore has called on the U.S. to switch to 100 per cent renewable energy within 10 years. In response, we've heard the same old tune from a chorus of stuck-in-the-oil naysayers. Someone should introduce them to Herman Scheer.

Dr. David T. Suzuki is a Vancouver-based award-winning scientist, environmentalist and broadcaster.

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Family plugs into power vision

Long before eco-consciousness garnered mainstream momentum and buzz, Danny Tuff recalled his father emphasizing the importance of conserving energy.

"Dad was one of these parents that was always concerned about the kids leaving the lights on, leaving the heat turned up, putting on the clothes dryer with one pair of jeans in there, that sort of thing," recalled Tuff, the eldest son of six children raised in Witless Bay, N.L.

What's more, Tuff said his father, Maurice, always dreamed of a product that would show people in real time how much their electricity cost.

"He called it a speedometer for electricity consumption," said Tuff. "He thought if we had that speedometer we would understand how we were using electricity, and therefore, use a lot less of it."

Armed with a background in business and marketing, Tuff joined forces with his brother, Maurice, an electrical engineer, five years ago to create a company, Blue Line Innovations and to make their father's vision a reality.

Their efforts have resulted in the development of a product aimed at helping consumers conserve energy, while easing the pinch on their pocketbooks due to high utility bills.

The Power Monitor is a wireless home energy detector providing users up-to-the-minute information on the amount of electricity being used in the house.

A sensor unit attached to the outside of the utility meter reads the amount of electricity the household is consuming in real time, transferring the information to the battery-powered wireless device inside the home.

The in-home display unit allows users to see real-time electricity costs in dollar and cent figures, the overall accumulated cost in a given period, as well as the outdoor temperature and time.

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Danny Tuff, of Blue Line Innovations, holds the Power Monitor.

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Drinking games

The University of Florida is joining a host of American universities in developing policy prohibiting excessive alcohol consumption, both on- and off-campus. The proposed regulations specifically ban keg standing and drinking games, such as beer pong.

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Lessons you won't get in the classroom

It used to be that getting good grades was all students needed to graduate but with requirements for volunteer hours by some school boards and increased competition for top universities, higher learning institutions now look at what teens offer besides academic achievements.

Too many students are entering their final years of high school unprepared. For many, the realization that they need to fulfil volunteer hours to build their school resumé can be overwhelming. Here are some ways for students to make the grade when it comes to extracurricular activities and volunteering:

• **BE A LEADER:** Just going through the motions of volunteering is one thing and will help you meet requirements, but taking on a leadership role, managing, and organizing activities will be sure to impress.

• **BE PASSIONATE:** Coming up with something to devote donated hours to can be tough. If kids are passionate about something it can make the time spent helping more enjoyable. "A lot of kids, along with their families sponsor a girl or boy overseas through our organization," said Bruce Herzog CEO, Christian Children's Fund of Canada an international children's organization. "We make it easy for kids to share this love and passion with their friends and family by giving them lots of easy ways to get involved — all tailored to kids."

• **THINK BIG:** Organizing a big fundraising event for your school or community looks great on university applications. Websites like ccfcanada.ca offer step-by-step guides to help kids put a successful event together.

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student tips

• Grades are not the only key to success. Over the years, parents and teachers have spoken with you about how important school is. But there might be a few things they overlooked:

• Learning Won't Always Be Fun: At the dinner table you are asked "Did you have fun today?" and you normally answer "no." School can be anything but fun — difficult, boring, and frustrating. But be positive. You may need — or even get excited about — a subject you initially thought was uninteresting.

• Grades Matter, But They Aren't the Only Key to Success: Grades only show part of what you've learned, they don't show who you are. Study hard but don't forget to be involved in activities that develop other skills. Play a sport or join a club. Organizations like Christian Children's Fund of Canada, an international children's charity, offers dozens of ways for students to develop as leaders by organizing different fundraising and community activities. Check out their website at ccfcanada.ca.

• Be Persistent: There may be times when you'll want to give up during the school year. But those feelings and moments will pass. Stay focused on the end goal and you'll see how commitment and persistence pay off.

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Stringing stats into history

OddJobs

Nobody knows who I am or what I'm doing, thought Dale Stevens that April day in 1997 when he sat in the press box for the first time at the SkyDome (now the Rogers Centre).

It was opening day for the Toronto Blue Jays baseball team and the box and the stadium were packed. Stevens pulled out his brand new laptop, hooked up his modem and recorded in painstaking detail every pitch of the game. Every ball, strike and foul went into his computer and travelled electronically to the offices of Total Sports to be printed in various publications and eventually online.

Stevens, now 44, began his part-time job as a stat stringer in a less glamorous form about three years before. In the early 1990s, Stevens would buy a statistics-laden program from the same guy outside SkyDome when he attended games and the two would chat about baseball and numbers — an aspect only a few people were into at the time. Stevens was one of them: he lives in Dundas, Ont., and works at nearby McMaster University as an accountant.

"Do you have any interest in doing some stat keeping?" the guy asked him one day. Not long after, Stevens found himself sitting in front of his TV with a scorecard and writing down every play. He'd fax the finished card at the end of the game to a company called The Baseball Workshop and earned $10 for his troubles.

When Total Sports took over the stringer network, Stevens got the press pass and laptop, but also more money and some legitimacy. The job got even more official when Major League Baseball itself hired the stringers in 2001.

Now, Stevens' play-by-play stats, including details of where balls are hit into the field, get uploaded in real time to mlb.com. At the end of the game, he makes sure his numbers jive with those of the official scorer, and then his stats become the official record of the game. Stevens works about 30 games a season in the park (two other stringers fill out the rest of the schedule) and another 25 at home as a support person. For that job, he watches a game on TV and suggests via instant messenger to a stringer, usually at a U.S. ballpark, how to record difficult or unusual calls.

These nights at home are perfect for helping put his two eight-year-olds to bed. And he'd probably be watching the game anyway: Stevens loves all sports and baseball is his favourite. "You're getting money to watch baseball, it isn't the worst job in the world."

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

Getting paid to watch baseball "isn't the worst job in the world."

The Lowdown

Job title: Baseball stat stringer

Salary: $100 a game

Education/Training: You have to know computers and have a "really in-depth knowledge of baseball."

Best Part of the Job: "Being in the ballpark and knowing what I'm doing is something that's going to be part of the record of the game forever."

Worst Part of the Job: "Driving back and forth. It makes for a really long day. Sometimes the game goes into extra innings, you're on the road and you put on the radio and hear the (highway) is down to one lane and it's going to take two hours to get home."

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Courageous students less likely to cheat

U.S. study links character traits to school test etiquette

Students who are less likely to cheat earned top marks when scored on measures of courage, empathy and honesty, according to new research.

Researchers at Ohio State University's Newark campus examining the psychology behind students who don't cheat conducted two studies that included a total of 456 undergraduates at the school.

Students were asked about their courage, honesty and empathy including questions about academic dishonesty, such as whether they had cheated on tests or assignments in the past six or 12 months.

Questions posed in the courage section included asking participants if they had the strength to face the future, whether they get involved in causes and if fear keeps them from pursuing their goals.

The study found students who scored high in the areas outlined were less likely to report cheating in their past or the intention to cheat in the future.

What's more, students who reported less cheating were also less likely to believe their peers committed academic dishonesty.

Items from each area — courage, empathy and honesty — received a standard score to combine the three scales and determine a median split. Respondents who scored above the median were deemed "academic heroes" by the researchers.

"The heroes are less likely to provide excuses for themselves, and one of the common excuses is 'Everyone is doing it,' or for some reason or another, 'I am entitled to do it,'" said study co-author Sara Staats, professor emeritus of psychology at Ohio State-Newark.

"I think that the basic honesty of the heroes extends a little bit to other people in that they may think that they're more honest than others, but they don't see other people as extremely dishonest or willing to cheat."

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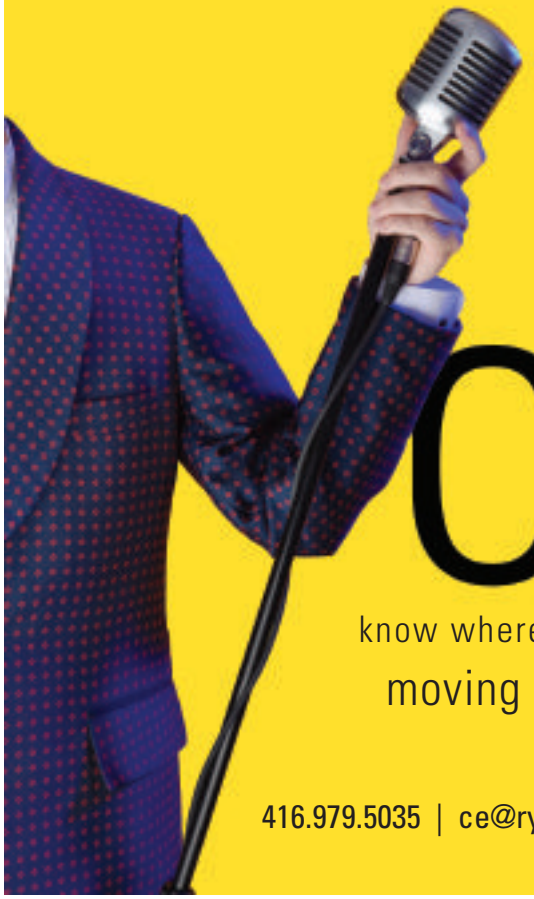
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Host heralds one year in the flow

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada

Sometime before the unseen hour of 6 a.m., J.J. King is rolling into work.

He meets his cohort, Melanie, the two sharing little more than a grumble. King says there's a lot of silence in the room while the pair skim the Internet and news, bulking up on what energy they'll pump out over the course of the next four hours. He calls it the calm before the storm.

And then, at 20 minutes to six, everything changes.

"Once we crack that mic, we go from dead stop to on," says King. "It's literally like a tornado in there. Things go flying when opinions differ. Sometimes a stapler will fly across the room."

King is one half of J.J. and Melanie in the Morning, The New FLOW 93.5's flagship morning show. The program celebrates its one-year anniversary today, a milestone King maintains was achieved because of the unidentified "je ne sais quoi" the duo possesses.

"It's this love-hate rivalry and then it's something about the show that, if you try to figure out what that other something is, you'll probably just ruin the show," he says.

But radio was not always on King's radar. "I wanted to be a porno star for a little while," he jokes. It was in twelfth grade the Montreal-born, Burlington, Ont.-raised personality says he was encouraged to pursue the waves. "My biology teacher told me I probably wasn't going to be any sort of scientist, but she liked the way I did the morning announcements."

PHOTO SUBMITTED
J.J. King and Melanie.

King enrolled in Humber College's broadcasting program, calling the rest history. Before streaming to FLOW, he worked at a number of stations in southwestern Ontario until venturing to Australia where, with his wife, he travelled nearly 30,000-km across the continent. When FLOW called, they proposed to make him producer of the show that morphed into J.J. and Melanie in the Morning; an offer he couldn't refuse.

"It's like the mafia. Remember that line from Godfather III? 'Every time I try to get out, they pull me back in.' That's how it's been."

And if FLOW is Godfather, Vito Corleone, King is their son Michael. After radio, he hopes to use his source of inspiration to galvanize others, possibly by becoming a teacher.

"It was a teacher that inspired me and lit the spark. It would be great if I could pay it forward and do that for somebody else."

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Murray takes to the skies

Comedian and actor Bill Murray has completed a parachute jump with the U.S. Army Golden Knights team in Chicago. Murray, whose jump kicked off the 50th Chicago Air and Water Show, landed safely on a lakefront beach. **BBC NEWS ONLINE**

Entertainment

Shut Up and Let Me Go

The Ting Tings' video Shut Up and Let Me Go has been nominated for video of the year at this year's MTV Music Video Awards. **BBC NEWS ONLINE**

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Entertainment in brief

ARTS The chorus of voices blasting the federal Heritage Department's recent cuts to federal arts and culture programs is growing louder, CBC News Online reports. "Culture is not an expense, it's an investment — in human potential, the economy and in creativity," MP Denis Coderre, the Liberal Party's heritage critic, told a news conference in Montreal on Friday.

MOVIES The 14th Sarajevo Film Festival kicked off Friday with a screening of Aida Begic's debut feature Snow, about life in a village in postwar Bosnia. The movie was honoured in May in a Cannes competition overseen by critics, The Associated Press reports. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Divine inspiration

Singer chronicles 50 years of popular music

To hear the retro bent of Divine Brown's new album, is to imagine the Toronto singer steeped in vintage Motown and Stax during it's making.

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Divine Brown's new album The Love Chronicles is out tomorrow.

"I was listening to Kanye on my way home from the studio," Brown reveals in an interview. "I did the songs by feel.

"If I wanted to write something that had, say, a '50s style to it — my dad used to listen to a lot of Skeeter Davis — I remember the feeling that I got when I listened to that stuff, so I'd try to write based on the emotion of what I'd felt.

"I didn't have the Skeeter Davis records on hand to work from, so it was feeling and then writing based on the feeling, not referencing something."

Add power of recall then to her other strengths — five-octave pipes, songwriter, bass player, actor — since The Love Chronicles, out tomorrow, cuts a swath through the last 50 years of popular music.

And lest one think Brown is following the throwback footsteps of Amy Winehouse, Duffy or Jully Black, she's quick to point out that her 2005 Juno-nominated self-titled debut was steeped in classic soul and R&B, and sold 70,000 copies on the strength of lead single Old Skool Love.

"It's paying homage, but it happens naturally, because I have always been an artist who writes from where my roots lie," she said, running down a list of mentors that begins with Stevie Wonder, Joni Mitchell and Chaka Khan.

From the nasal bobby-soxer kiss-off Bebe to Donny Hathawayesque Sweet Surrender, Gap Band style '70's jam Jump Start and Mariah-worthy power ballad One More Chance, Brown meets her goal of capturing "the essence of the era that each song was a part of."

The Love Chronicles didn't begin as a concept album when she penned the doo-wop tinged lead single Lay It On The Line in 2006. Brown explained between post-workout bites at a Little Italy restaurant.

"I go on inspiration, it can hit at any moment, like when I'm driving, or walking down the street and see a fine dude, and a melody just comes to me. It was a theme I saw happening once I started. It came to me write an album called Love Chronicles that would be a journey through different periods of music."

Brown, who cut her teeth in Toronto R&B and jazz fusion bands and musical theatre hits such as Ain't Misbehavin' and Rent, and admits to having Madonna's latest disc in heavy rotation, said selling records and maintaining artistic integrity is fine balance.

"As a singer, artist, businesswoman, I know there are certain songs you have to write that cater to the way radio programmers think in Canada, but I still have to be true to myself. It's all soul at the end of the day, because it's all coming from the soul."

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Fans, family honour Bernie Mac

Large crowds of people gathered in Chicago on Saturday to attend a public memorial for actor and co-median Bernie Mac.

Actor Samuel L. Jackson and Mayor Richard Daley were among the speakers expected to pay tribute to Mac at the large House of Hope church.

Mac died one week ago Saturday at the age of 50 from what his publicist says were complications from pneumonia.

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Rhonda McCullough, wife of comedian Bernie Mac is comforted at a memorial service celebrating the life of her late husband as she looks at his photo, right, Saturday in Chicago.

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Graceland gathering

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Box office

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theatres, according to Media By Numbers LLC. Final figures will be released today:

1. **Tropic Thunder** $26 million US
2. **The Dark Knight** $16.8 million
3. **Star Wars: The Clone Wars** $15.5 million
4. **Mirrors** $11.1 million
5. **Pineapple Express** $10 million
6. **The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor** $8.6 million
7. **Mamma Mia!** $6.5 million
8. **The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants** $5.9 million
9. **Step Brothers** $5 million
10. **Vicky Cristina Barcelona** $3.7 million

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Office actor faces drug charges

CELEB JUSTICE Actor Craig Phillip Robinson, best known for his role as warehouse foreman Darryl Philbin on NBC's The Office, has been charged with drug possession. Documents released Friday show police in Culver City, Calif., arrested Robinson June 29 on suspicion of possessing methamphetamine and MDMA, also known as ecstasy.

Prosecutors charged him with two felony counts of drug possession and one count of being under the influence of illegal drugs. The 36-year-old was released on bail and is to appear in court Aug. 21.

Robinson appears in the film Pineapple Express, and his next role is in Zack and Miri Make a Porno, directed by Kevin Smith.

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Undead heroine's short on self-awareness

Breaking Dawn

Author: Stephenie Meyer
Publisher: Little, Brown
Price: $23.99 (Hardcover)

The final installment of the hit fantasy series Twilight begins as a basic romance. Meek Bella and her undead soulmate seem destined to an eternity of syrupy patter. Their honeymoon quickly turns dark thanks to a bundle of bloodthirsty joy and a rival Vampire clan's looming attack. The simple plot is propelled by Bella's transformation. Initially painfully insecure, she is challenged to self-actualize to protect her family. Although the message isn't unique, Meyers has drawn criticism for her conservative heroine. Unlike many modern ladies of teen lit, Bella embodies very traditional notions of womanhood. Regardless of how questionable a role model she may be, she becomes stronger for her journey — the real injustice to Meyers' audience may be that, 754 transformative pages later, Bella still doesn't realize it.

Ashley Petkovski/for Metro Canada

BookPicks

Twenty Fragments of a Ravenous Youth

Author: Xiaolu Guo
Publisher: Nan A. Talese (Doubleday)
Price: $25 (Hardcover)

Told through the eyes of Fenfang Wang, Guo's novel is a sharp-tongued coming-of-age story set in modern Beijing. Leaving home at 17, Fenfang is determined to avoid a life of farming and find independence. She begins studying her environment while trying to write a marketable movie script and figure out how to get by. As we follow her through a series of homes, her pirated DVD collection and her polar-opposite significant others, Fenfang shows us her Beijing. It's a place wrestling to exist on a foundation of contradictions, a multi-faceted identity shaping itself alongside that of Guo's narrator.

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Letters to a Bullied Girl

Authors: Olivia Gardner with Emily and Sarah Buder
Publisher: HarperCollins
Price: $16.25 (Trade paperback)

By age 15, Olivia Gardner endured seemingly endless bullying after suffering an epileptic seizure in public. After hearing her story, two sisters from San Francisco started "Olivia's Letters," a campaign to give the depressed teen hope. The book collects some of the nearly 3,000 letters sent to Olivia, a portrait of peer-on-peer violence. Letters to a Bullied Girl doesn't aim to offer an explanation for bullying, or how to get over the damage. What it does do is tell anyone seeking reassurance they're not alone.

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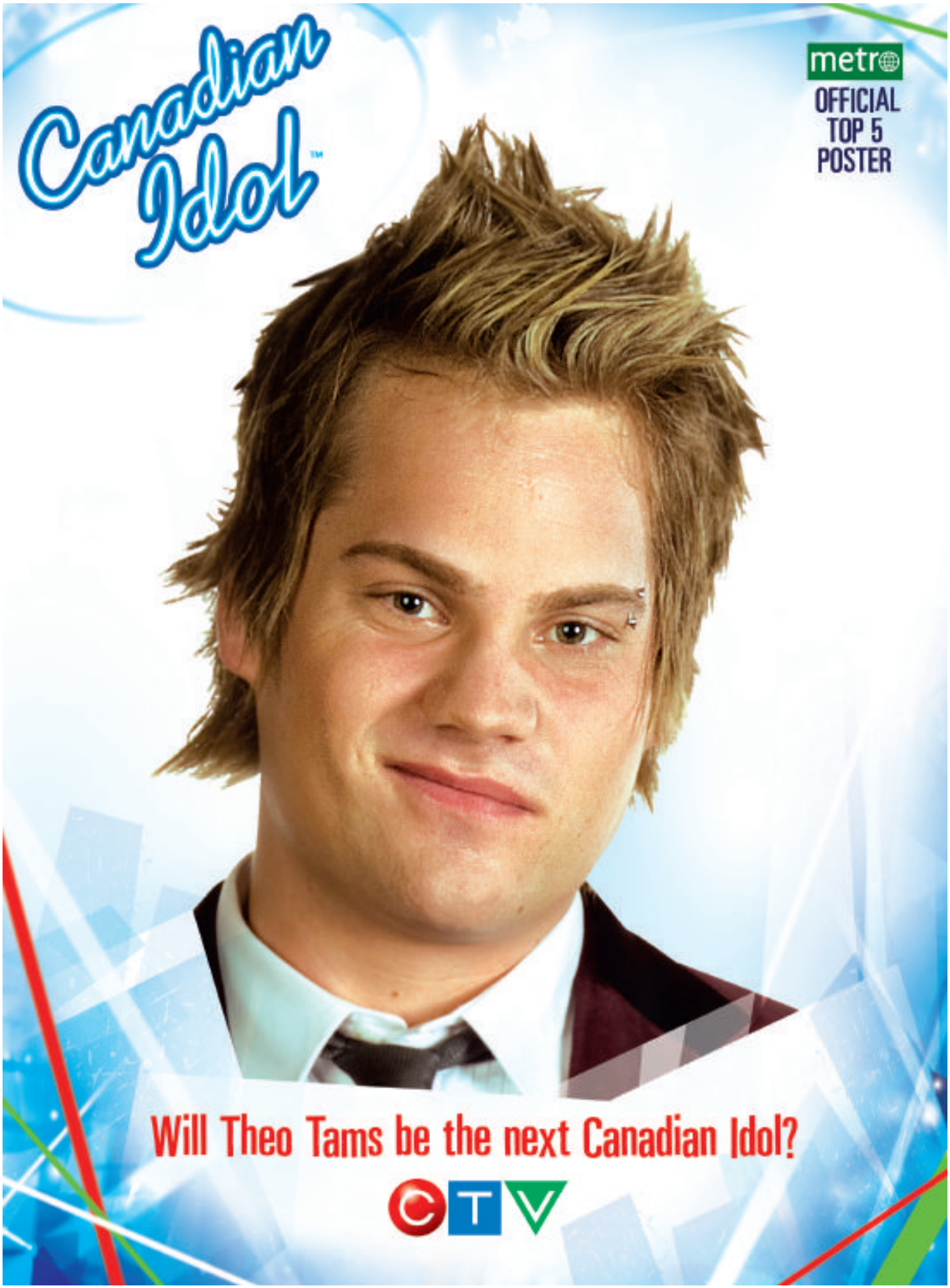
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Leaked ABC memo causes stir among executives

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THIEVES LIKE US: Nikki Finke, the insider's insider on Hollywood's backroom dealings, leaked an ABC memo last week that allegedly has an executive VP advising anyone who wants a producer's credit on an ABC show to keep their eye out for foreign productions whose premise is vague enough to warrant ripping off without getting permission.

Needless to say, it's set off a bit of a brush fire in a town where that sort of thing can result in whole suburbs reduced to ashes.

"Foreign formats have increased in popularity as the basis for U.S. television development," wrote one Howard M. Davine, in a June 24 memo sent to network "term deal executive producers." Davine detailed how buying foreign shows for U.S. adaptation seems sweet, but the inconvenient foreigners who came up with the original idea have this unfortunate tendency to want credit and, horrors, even payment.

"If you or your own have come across an existing foreign TV project that you feel is something you'd like to explore adapting for the U.S. market," concluded Davine, "again, please first discuss the opportunity with (ABC Studios) Creative Affairs to give us the same opportunity to independently evaluate whether a licence of the underlying property is warranted."

In other words, don't say a thing until we've had a chance to run it by the lawyers, and if we can change a character or a setting here and there, we can call it our own damned idea, and no one will be the wiser.

The Europe-based Format Recognition and Protection Association demanded ABC repudiate Davine's memo, and added that they'd be fighting the network as well as Disney, its corporate parent, on behalf of the international producers it represents.

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	625	548	44	COM	Air Farce	22 Minutes	Laughs	Corner Gas	The Simpsons	South Park	MADtv Kathy Griffin.		Daily Show
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	294	529	47	TBS	Family Guy	Family Guy	*Out of Time* ★★ (2003, Suspense) Denzel Washington.				Frasier	Frasier	Seinfeld
	576	582	49	BET	106 & Park	*Baby Boy* ★★★ (2001, Drama) Tyrese Gibson, Omar Gooding.					Comicview		Hell Date
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critics' corner

How Clean Is Your House?
This series clicks on two levels: as a guilty pleasure — veddy proper British ladies confronted with good old American filth are fun to watch — and as a how-to for the cleanliness-challenged. And who could use cleaning lessons more than a bunch of college guys? That's Aggie and Kim's mission in "A Frat-Tastic Disaster," as they show members of a fraternity how to transform their chapter house from grime scene to pristine. 10 PM on W

How I Met Your Mother
There's no crying in baseball, and definitely not at big New York law firms. When a tongue-lashing from his hot-tempered new boss (guest star Bob Odenkirk) makes Marshall (Jason Segel) cry, his friends have all kinds of advice for him. He goes with Barney's (Neil Patrick Harris) idea: Yell at someone else. But that doesn't get it out of his system, and he gives the boss a ration as well in "The Chain of Screaming." 8:30 PM on CBS E!

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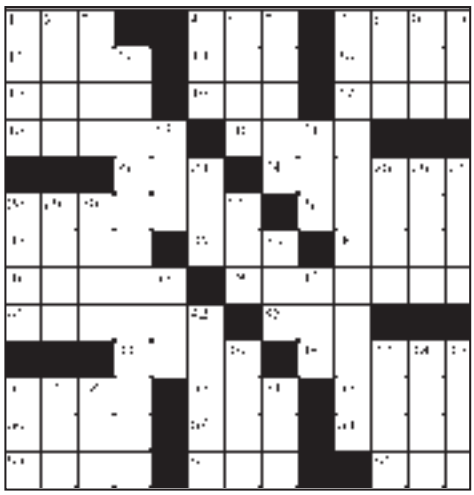
Spector's retrial will not be halted
An appeals court panel has rejected a request to halt the retrial of Phil Spector, the music producer accused of killing an actress in 2003. The decision from the 2nd District Court of Appeal came Friday. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Take Five



Crossword down

1 Easter entree
2 Cain's victim
3 Ballerina's frill
4 "Uh-huh"
5 Grand story
6 Cheesy chip
7 Slogans
8 Rage
9 Golf prop
10 Sweet potato
12 Decorative cushions
19 Underwear with underwire
21 "— Impossible"
23 Curved line
25 One of HOMES
26 Landlord's due
27 Collections
28 Farm measure
29 Curds' partner
30 Hardy cabbage
31 — and don'ts
35 "Charlotte's —"
38 U.S. spy org.
40 Police officer
42 Nerd
45 Rescue
47 Minuscule bit
48 Fishing-line attachment
49 Carriage
50 Firmament
51 Inseparable
52 Depressed
54 Crimson

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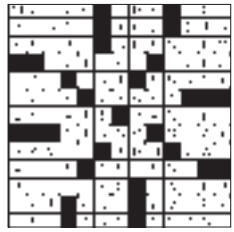
Crossword across

1 Long. crosser
4 Longing
7 "Sex and the —"
11 Touch
13 — tree (caught)
14 Vicinity
15 Illegal stimulant
16 Snapshot
17 Abound
18 Short publicity notice
20 Stylish
22 Man-mouse link
24 "Do unto — ..."
28 Clumsy
32 Binge
33 Fellow
34 Intimidate
36 Suggestion
37 Archaeologist's find
39 Mysteries
41 It may be covered in shadow
43 Feathery accessory
44 Legislations
46 Any of 150 in the Bible
50 Unaccompanied
53 Listening organ
55 Needle case
56 Be certain of
57 Night before
58 Angry
59 Evergreens
60 Foundation
61 Guys

previous day's answer



Horoscopes

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Agreements will reinforce a friendship. Everything you wish to accomplish will have support. An analytical co-worker won't destroy plans.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Good luck comes from other people's money. A love affair becomes distressing. Use your people skills to move forward.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Daydreams trigger a need to get away from it all. Used belongings come in handy. Lively emotions encourage conversations.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
There'll be mayhem when a man arrives. Walking is the remedy for wounded feelings. You're dissatisfied with a con man's lies.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Heed a relative's call to action. Be a calming influence in a heated argument. Balance your accounts with a miser.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Others will pay attention to you. Dissension caused by financial problems is blown out of proportion. Someone plays a mind game.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Rumours abound when someone is vexed. Nervousness about a story will backfire. Somebody else will be punished if you behave badly.

SCORPIO
OCT 24- NOV 22
Trying to hide evidence produces bad faith. Paranoia over gossip causes a wretched episode. A sick person whines about misery.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23- DEC 21
Strange events make you feel disoriented. A humble guy is given a reward. An unemployed person makes a dumb mistake.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
Game-playing produces feelings of inadequacy. Refuse to fight a losing battle. Change the pace of your love life.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
A friendly soul will bring contentment. Dodge the desire to think for others. Find your dream job through an older friend.

PISCES
FEB 19-MAR 20
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AUG. 18, 1958: Vladimir Nabokov's controversial novel Lolita is published in the United States.
AUG. 18, 1963: American civil rights movement: James Meredith becomes the first black person to graduate from the University of Mississippi.
AUG. 18, 1969: Jimi Hendrix plays the unofficial last day of Woodstock.
AUG. 18, 1971: Vietnam War: Australia and New Zealand decide to withdraw their troops from Vietnam.
AUG. 18, 1983: Hurricane Alicia hits the Texas coast, killing 22 people and causing over $1 billion US in damage (1983 dollars).

Sudoku

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1		3			5		7	
	6			8		1		
9				1			6	
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7	5	9						

HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU:
The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

previous day's answer

9	1	3	5	2	7	6	8	4
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7	3	4	9	8	5	2	1	6
3	2	5	8	6	9	4	7	1
8	7	1	4	5	3	9	6	2
4	9	6	1	7	2	8	5	3

SUDOKU SOLVE TIME IN MINUTES:
Under 13. . . . . Genius
13-17 . . . . . Scholar
17-21. . . . . Smart
21-25. . . . . Not bad
25+ . . . . . Keep practising
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40% Thunder-showers. 30°	Partly cloudy. 13°	Partly cloudy. 22°/ 13°	Sunny. 24°/ 14°	Partly cloudy. 27°/ 16°

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Low: 13.5°

Records
High: 34.4°/1947
Low: 5.6°/1954

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Sunset: 8:16 p.m.
Moonset: 8:18 a.m.
Moonrise: 8:57 p.m.

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Charitable fellow
George Clooney is planning to invest more money in pal Brad Pitt's housing project in New Orleans, La., after sponsoring the building of two homes earlier this year. IMDB.COM

Celebrity Buzz

DeGeneres weds de Rossi

RELATIONSHIPS Talk show queen Ellen DeGeneres has wed her longtime girlfriend Portia de Rossi in an intimate ceremony, imdb.com reports.

DeGeneres, 50, and actress de Rossi, 35, exchanged rings at the private service in the backyard of their Beverly Hills home on Saturday.

Just 19 guests watched as the couple read aloud their handwritten vows, including DeGeneres' mother Betty and de Rossi's mother Margaret Rogers, who flew in from her native Australia for the occasion.

The couple's spokesperson tells People.com, "Ellen DeGeneres and Portia de Rossi were married tonight in an intimate ceremony at their home in Los Angeles."

Shortly after the wedding, DeGeneres taped an interview for her daytime talk show, which is where she first announced in May she would wed the Arrested Development star.

California lifted its ban on gay weddings in May after the state's Supreme Court ruled the ban on same-sex unions was unconstitutional.

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Stars donate to Ledger's daughter

LEGACY Johnny Depp, Jude Law and Colin Farrell have donated their fee for completing Heath Ledger's final film role to the late star's daughter, imdb.com reports.

The acting trio agreed to play versions of Ledger's character Tim in The Imaginarium of Dr. Parnassus following his death in January. And they decided to donate their fees to two-year-old Matilda — Ledger's daughter with actress Michelle Williams — because the star left an old will which did not include the little girl. Director Terry Gilliam has praised the actors for their generosity, saying: "That's extraordinary! And wonderful... and when you're part of that, you think, 'Ah, this is maybe why I went into the movies in the beginning.'"

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J. Love drops extra pounds

IMAGE Jennifer Love Hewitt has hit back at critics who ridiculed her for putting on weight — by showing off her new slim figure in a U.S. magazine, imdb.com reports. Love-Hewitt has had the last laugh after unflattering photos of her in a bikini splashed across the web, by shedding 18 pounds through a rigorous exercise program.

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Mayer opens up about breakup

RELATIONSHIPS Though John Mayer and Jennifer Aniston were decidedly mum about their romance, the singer is opening up about their breakup, people.com reports. "There's no lying, there's no cheating, there's no nothing," Mayer told reporters Saturday about his split with Aniston. If anything Mayer had only praise for his ex, saying: "Jennifer Aniston is the smartest, most sophisticated person I think I have ever met."

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Duff engaged to NHLer?

RUMOUR Actress/singer Hilary Duff has sparked rumours she's taking her relationship with hockey star Mike Comrie to the next level, after she was snapped wearing a ring on her wedding finger, imdb.com reports.

The 20-year-old star was spotted leaving Hollywood's Il Sole restaurant with National Hockey League player Comrie on Friday night when she flashed her left hand to reveal a ring. And the shot has sent gossips into a spin — leading many to speculate over whether Duff and Comrie are engaged.

The couple has been dating for more than a year following Duff's split from Good Charlotte rocker Joel Madden.

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Sheen, Richards top Nasty poll

DIVORCES Charlie Sheen and Denise Richards have topped a new magazine poll listing Hollywood's Nastiest Splits, imdb.com reports. The bitter exes, who have been battling over custody of their two daughters and embarked on a vicious war of words since splitting in 2005, beat out Sir Paul McCartney and Heather Mills in the In Touch countdown.

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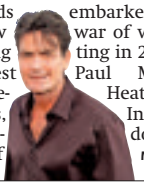

"This makes no sense at all..."

by Joe O'Neill

George Clooney is big on buying into Brad Pitt's housing project in New Orleans. He buys houses that Pitt builds and gives them to people less fortunate. Listen, I just took a quick look at my hairline, bone structure, resume, bank account and wardrobe, and I can safely say I'm less fortunate than George Clooney. So, uh, do I qualify?

Jennifer Love-Hewitt has illustrated just how much power we who turn to the last page of the Metro have, and by that I'm guessing I mean every single one of you. She shed 18 lbs. after being hurt by gossip reports ridiculing her for having become too heavy. We laughed, she shrank. Our next assignment, gentle readers, is to get Britney Spears to wear underwear on a regular basis.

I hope Hilary Duff and Mike Comrie stay together for a long time. Not because I care about either one of them, but because I like it when American publications identify people as 'ice hockey players'. Like, as opposed to what, tonsil hockey?

If Hilary plays her cards right, and Comrie improves his game by about a hundred thousand per cent, she could become the next Janet Jones-Gretzky, and be named in a sports gambling ring investigation.

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Stallone's Synergy
Hollywood tough guy Sylvester Stallone has signed on to promote a brand of Russian vodka, Synergy, in a one-year deal rumoured to be worth $1 million US. IMDB.COM

Celebrity Buzz

Winslet weird about Leo love scene

RELATIONSHIPS Hollywood actress Kate Winslet felt awkward filming a sex scene with Leonardo DiCaprio for a forthcoming movie — because her husband Sam Mendes was directing, imdb.com reports.

The pair, who played lovers in 1997's Titanic, are working together on the upcoming film Revolutionary Road, and are again playing a couple. But it was during a love scene that Winslet suddenly felt uncomfortable having her husband directing the picture.

She says, "I just kept saying, 'This is too ... weird.' And Leo was like, 'Oh, get over it.' And I'm going, 'Yeah, a little reminder: You're my best friend. He's my husband. This is a bit weird.'

"I hadn't realized how much my chemistry with him since Titanic would still stick. It's great to discover we can just slip right into it, like muscle memory."

And Winslet confesses that she knew she would work with DiCaprio again, and orchestrated getting him on board the movie.

She adds, "We knew that if we were going to do something again, it had to be something big and emotional. I played this very clever cat-and-mouse game to get my husband and then my best friend involved."

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Eastwood feud 'over': Lee

MOVIES Disney bosses have forced Spike Lee to call a truce with Clint Eastwood after their war of words, fearing the bad publicity would cost his new movie Oscar nominations, imdb.com reports.

Lee hit out at Eastwood for failing to include black characters in his two 2006 Second World War movies Flags of our Fathers and Letters from Iwo Jima. The veteran star struck back, telling Lee to "shut his mouth," prompting Lee to take a second swipe, calling Eastwood "an angry old man."

But Lee has backed down after executives at Disney — the studio backing his new war movie Miracle at St. Anna — stepped in. He tells Entertainment Weekly, "I get the thing, 'Well Mr Eastwood is so well beloved,' and this may have ramifications at Academy time.

"But it's over. I said what I had to say. He believes what he believes. And that's that."

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Ritchie splurges on Madonna gift

PEOPLE Madonna's moviemaker husband Guy Ritchie has made sure his wife is on time for all her birthday appointments — he's bought her a $100,000 Rolex watch, imdb.com reports. The British director has reportedly bought the Material Girl an 18-karat gold and diamond-studded Rolex Masterpiece as a 50th birthday gift.

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Kate feared pantie-less pics

RED CARPET Actress Kate Beckinsale had to re-enact one recent red carpet appearance at home — to make sure photographers hadn't caught her pantie-less.

The British stunner admits she went commando to one recent screening and left feeling sure snappers had caught her with her panties off! She reveals, "On the way home, I said to my husband (Len Wiseman), 'Darling, I think they might have gotten it.' And so when we pulled in (at home) I made him re-enact the thing with his camera — a sort of crime-scene run through.

"It appears I survived unscathed."

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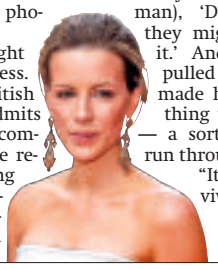

Eva remembers her roots

PEOPLE Eva Longoria Parker keeps in touch with the Wendy's manager who gave her her first job — because she loved working at the fast food restaurant, imdb.com reports.

The Desperate Housewives star worked at a Wendy's in her native Texas for six years and still has fond memories of her pre-fame job.

She tells Latina magazine, "I loved it. And I still love them. They are an amazing organization. I still keep in touch with my manager from when I was 14. They are just great to me."

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Oprah to back Obama

POLITICS U.S. chatshow queen Oprah Winfrey has confirmed she will support U.S. presidential hopeful Barack Obama on the night he is crowned America's Democratic party leader, imdb.com reports. The TV icon has championed the Illinois senator throughout his campaign, speaking out on her daily chatshow to urge people to vote for the politician.

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McAdams dislikes onscreen kisses

PEOPLE Rachel McAdams — who famously locked lips with ex Ryan Gosling in the 2004 tearjerker The Notebook — says hooking up on the big screen is "strange," usmagazine.com reports. "A kiss with anyone, on or off camera, can be intimidating," she tells The New York Times magazine, T. "I've been kissing for nearly two decades now, and I'm always convinced I'm not doing it right."

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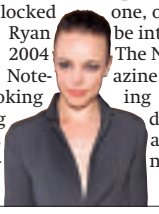

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